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E.O. 111652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, BL

SUBJ: FURTHER DETAILS ON COUP ATTEMPT

1. FOUR INSURGENTS HAVE SOUGHT ASYLUM IN BRAZILIAN EMBASSY. THESE INCLUDED LT LLANOS OF THE TARAPACA REGIMENT, TWO MILITARY POLICE OFFICERS AND ONE MEMBER OF MILITARY GENERAL HEADQUARTERS. THESE FOUR DEFINITELY IMPLICATE LT COL LOPEZ LEYTON AND GARY PRADO IN THE PLOT. LATTER TWO ARE AT LIBERTY AND ACCORDING TO AN ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE SOURCE BOTH MAY SEEK ASYLUM IN THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY.

2. ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, MINISTER OF DEFENSE MENDIETA IS REORGANIZING THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IS NOT CLEAR AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT.

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3. PRESIDENT BANZER IS EXPECTED BACK IN LA PAZ MOMENTARILY AND WELCOMING COMMITTEE INCLUDING LT COL NATUSCH BUSCH IS AT THE AIRPORT. WE HAVE SENT OBSERVER TO NOT TYPE OF RECEPTION BANZER WILL GET, I.E., OPENARMS OR ARREST. WE EXPECT FORMER.

4. CIRO HUMBOLDT, MNR CHIEF HAS TAKEN ASYLUM IN TE PERUVIAN EMBASSY. BLAND STATEMENT FROM MINISTRY INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT MAKES IT CLEAR HUMBOLDT WAS PART OF PLOT.

5. COMMENT: APPEARS THAT HUMBOLDT AND LOPEZ LEYTON WHO WERE UNDER DETENTION EARLIER (AND PERHAPS PRADO) WERE DELIBERATELY RELEASED IN ORDER TO SEEK ASYLUM AND DEPART COUNTRY SO AS TO MINIMIZE INTERNAL PROBLEMS FOR GOB.

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